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Northern Region News



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A Newsletter For Employees and Retirees

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The Leading Edge

Rededicating the First Forest Reserve

by John Mumma,
Regional Forester

A few weeks ago, June 28 - 30, I attended the rededication of the first Forest Reserve — the Yellowstone Park Timberland Reserve, later to become the Shoshone National Forest — in Cody, Wyoming. It was a truly grandious affair, with a parade, rodeo, an exhibition of art, artifacts, and photos, an antique aircraft display, national packing competition, a conservation symposium, a bar-b-que, smokejumpers, and more. Around 2,500 people attended to help celebrate 100 years of national forests. The rededication ceremony was held at Wapiti Ranger Station - the first ranger station built with public funds. This event was especially meaningful to me, because in addition to taking part in Centennial activities, it was a homecoming for me -- I once supervised the Shoshone National Forest.

Beginning a few days before the

ests that were originally part of the Yellowstone Timberland Reserve, carrying hand-stamped mail to Cody. Some 300 people took part; riding in



Chief Dale Robertson (left) and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture James Moseley secure the lid on a time capsule at the rededication. The capsule contains records of the conservation forum, and will be opened in the year 2091.

relay fashion, they covered over 500 miles. Amongst the many letters that were delivered was one from President Bush, wishing us a memorable ceremony! This letter is reprinted on the next page.

A conservation forum was one of the highlights. It brought together leaders from national and international business, civic groups, conservation groups, and government. The focus was on part-



Centennial celebration, pony express riders galloped across the five national for-



Regional Forester John Mumma at Cody, with the Northern Region's pack train in the background.

nerships and the opportunities they provide for everyone to be involved in conservation. The Forest Service's first partners — the Bogne and Crockett Club and the American Forestry Association — co-sponsored this event. It was these two organizations that set the stage for resource conservation in our country and helped get the first reserve designated.

The Regional Foresters and Directors meeting was also held in Cody, prior to Centennial events, so we were all there to participate.

One thing that struck me, as I participated in the forum and the other events, is the tremendous resource accomplishments that we, as an agency, have made in our first 100 years, and the contribution the national forests and

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History of the Northern Region Published

Retiree Dick Guth presents his newly completed history of the Northern Region, entitled *A Pictorial History of the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region, 1891-1945*, to Regional Forester John Mumma. The book, which he co-authored with Stan Cohen, of Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, Inc., covers the history of the Region up to 1945. Guth says it will take another book to

cover the period from '45 to the present.

The book can be ordered from Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, Inc., 713 South 3rd West, Missoula, MT 59801 at a cost of \$12.95. It is also available at the Regional Office reception area.

Retiree Dick Guth (left) presents a copy of his new book to Regional Forester John Mumma.



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grasslands have made to the strength of the nation. You, as Forest Service employees can take a lot of pride in these accomplishments, whatever your job. The public expects us to be stewards of the land. They expect us to stand up for conservation on their behalf, and we have an obligation to do that. Let's all work together to continue to do an excellent job of conservation stewardship during the next 100 years.

President George Bush sent this letter by pony express to the rededication ceremony of the first forest reserve in Cody, Wyoming.

The White House
Washington
June 26, 1991

I am delighted to greet everyone who is gathered at the Wapiti Ranger Station to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Nation's first forest reserves.

When just over one million acres of forest were set aside in 1891 as the Yellowstone Park Timberland Reserve (now known as the Shoshone and Teton National Forests), a great tradition of American conservation was established. Today, our National Forests and Grasslands consist of almost 200 million acres of land.

Known for their majestic beauty and for the various recreational opportunities that they offer, our National Forests also provide habitat for more than 3,000 species of wildlife and fish and 10,000 species of plants, including more than 200 threatened and endangered species. They also provide about 12 percent of the total wood fiber that is harvested each year in the United States.

The success of our National Forest System has helped to demonstrate how we can balance serious environmental concerns with legitimate needs for economic development. May this rededication of America's first forest reserve inspire a renewed commitment to the careful stewardship of our precious natural resources.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a memorable ceremony.

George Bush

10th Annual Custer Rendezvous

All present and former employees of the Custer NF are invited to a reunion August 10 and 11. It will be at the Bitterroot Lions Camp on Bitterroot Lake, 25 miles west of Kalispell. The camp will accommodate 100 people in cabins and at least 100 with campers and tents. A catering service will provide meals. For more information contact Bernie Alt, 97 Northern Lights Blvd., Kalispell, MT 59901, phone: (406) 752-2533.

Nez Perce National Forest

New Supervisor Named

Mike King, environmental coordinator for Programs & Legislation in the Washington Office, was appointed supervisor of the Nez Perce National Forest. A veteran of 21 years with the Forest Service, King is a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He holds a degree in forest management from Michigan Technological University and a graduate degree in public administration from Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon.

King's first assignments were on the Six Rivers, Klamath and Modoc National Forests in Region Five. He served as timber management assistant and resource assistant on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Region Six, then moved to the Regional Office in Portland as recreation management specialist. He served as district ranger for Carson District, Toiyabe National Forest in Region Four, and deputy forest supervisor for the Monongahela National Forest in Region Nine. King has been in the Washington Office since 1989, with primary responsibilities of developing policy, procedures, and quality control measures for implementing NEPA and other environmental laws. He will begin his new assignment in mid-July.



Mike King

Regional Office

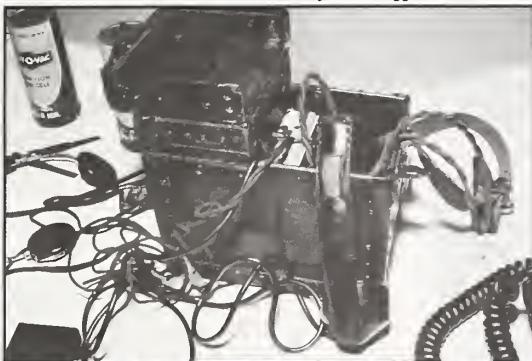


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100 Years of Engineering

In conjunction with the Forest Service Centennial celebration, RO engineering held an open-house in June, marking "100 Years of Engineering in the National Forests." Exhibits and demonstrations focusing on the historical aspects of engineering covered the entire

Photos by Mark Wiggins



The old and the new were brought together at the open house. Left: an old field telephone system; right: a new laser survey instrument.

gamut of engineering activity in the Regional Office: roads and bridges, dams and hydraulics, aerial photography, photogrammetry,

cadastral surveying, cartography, architecture, environmental engineering, computer applications, geotechnical engineering, and more. Guided tours took visitors through the displays and the various departments of engineering.

The more than 400 people who attended were treated to home-made cookies and cake, punch, and popcorn as they toured the displays.



Brad Miller, structural engineer, shows bridge models to visitors.

Clearwater National Forest

Sharing The Centennial



Photo by Mary Bowman

In celebration of the national forests Centennial, Deputy Forest Supervisor Bert Kulesza presents a Centennial banner to Charles "Pete" Hayes, Chairman, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee and the Nez Perce National Historical Park. A banner was also presented to Lewiston's mayor Delitha Kilgore and the City of Lewiston at a ceremonial centennial tree planting at Sunset Park in Lewiston.

Custer National Forest

North Dakota Governor Signs Proclamation

When North Dakota's Governor George Sinner signed a proclamation designating the week of June 8-15, 1991, as "Forest Centennial Week" for North Dakota, he commended the Forest Service and the USDA for their efforts in the management of resources. Sinner said, "The State of North Dakota, sharing over 1 mil-

lion acres of the Custer National Forest, is proud to be a part of this great National Forest Reserve." He encouraged citizens to share in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the forest reserves.

Louise Odegaard, the Custer National Forest's coordinator of external relations for North Dakota, was on hand for the signing ceremony. She presented the governor a Centennial poster and a Centennial pin.



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North Dakota Governor George Sinner and North Dakota Coordinator Louise Odegaard.

Mine Site Restored to Productivity

by Henry Shovic, Soil Scientist

Many of our projects modify the landscape in some way, and people don't always agree that an improvement has been made. All of our users agreed, however, on the success of one recently completed project—the rehabilitation of the Langhor lead mine.

The Hyalite drainage is the backyard playground of the town of Bozeman. It provides excellent fishing, boating, camping, climbing, skiing, and just about any other outdoor activity. The mine site is on a steep, visible hillside overlooking the heavily-used Langhor campground.

Before rehabilitation, the inactive mine was not only an eyesore, but also had potential for significant pollution of groundwater and Hyalite Creek. The one-acre area consisted of a mine shaft, an open pit, an earthen dam, overburden piles, and scattered junk. It was almost barren of vegetation.

After determining that the claimant had no further operations planned, we decided to use concepts of landscape ecology to restore the natural hydrologic and soil characteristics of the site. We wanted not only to reduce erosion and pollution potential, but also to restore the landscape to productivity and a natural appearance.

One of the first things we did to achieve these goals was to bury the non-toxic mining detritus we found, such as cable, drainfield pipe, and iron, deep enough to avoid re-emergence. We also deeply buried exposures of potentially toxic rock material.

Next, using a large dozer, we filled in pits, rounded off scarps, spread surface soil, and prepared a seedbed. The miners had randomly buried the former surface soil, so we had to find it and save it for reuse. Then we designed a landscape



Some of the rehabilitation crew members pose for a picture: from left, Bozeman District employees Mary Garcia, Kay Bugger, Alison Van Os, and Pattie Soucek (project leader), and from the supervisor's office, Henry Shovic, soil scientist.

ing our people together as well.

Photos by Henry Shovic and Pattie Soucek



Langhor lead mine site during restoration. Note natural contouring and topsoil spreading by dozer.

News Briefs

New Book

"*The Free Life of a Ranger*" is an autobiography of Archie Murchie, former employee of Regions One and Four—a District Ranger for much of his career. Murchie's book focuses on his life with the Forest Service between 1929 and 1965. Carson District Ranger (Toiyabe NF) said, "Every employee should read this book, as it tells where we came from and what we are, and it will help in deciding where we need to go in the future." The Toiyabe and Humboldt NFs have formed a partnership with the University of Nevada to compile and print Murchie's history as a Centennial project. Orders can be placed by sending a money order or personal check for \$24.95 per

book (price includes shipping) to the Oral History Program, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada 89557.

Attention Retirees !!!

We are looking for a copy of the trail and telephone manuals prepared by Region One's Clyde Fickes in 1944. The manual gave instructions for rangers. The Regional Public Affairs Office would like to borrow a copy long enough to make some photocopies of it. If you have one, and wouldn't mind loaning it for a short time, please contact Jud Moore at the Regional Office (406) 329-3093.

to include a natural-appearing wetland and a drainageway.

Although we expected natural revegetation to occur over time, we helped nature along by planting trees in random patterns, spreading slash and brush, seeding steep slopes, and mulching areas where erosion might occur. Finally, we fenced off the area in order to discourage access by cows, trailbikes, and four-wheel-drive vehicles.

This was a cooperative project between the Bozeman Ranger District and the Supervisor's Office (soil and watershed). It was identified as a need under the Hyalite IRA and funded under the Forest's soil and water rehabilitation program. This project not only was universally acclaimed by the local environmental community, but succeeded in bringing

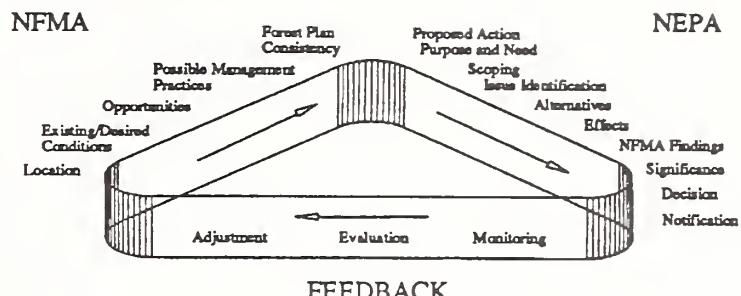
Forest Plan Implementation Training Receives Accolades

by Sherry L. Munther, Public Affairs Specialist

Does this triangle keep showing up around your work area? Do you find yourself wondering what it all means? If so, sign up now for Forest Plan Implementation, Course 1900-1—a national training session coming to a meeting room near you this fall.

The first eleven sessions of Forest Plan Implementation were completed across the Region this spring. One more session is planned in July for the Custer National Forest. The sessions were well received by class participants, functional interdisciplinary teams, and line officers directly responsible for sound environmental documents. The target audience for the 1900-1 session is for those individuals working with the Forest Plan implementation (NFMA/NEPA) in the field, such as ID team leaders and members. However, rangers attending the session have reported favorably on the training, and other participants said they appreciated having the rangers' perspectives. One ranger reported, "this session is a 'must' for line officers... we all have full cups and many priorities; this has to be viewed as the priority one."

Although this is a national course, the Region developed its own cadre of instructors to teach the week-long session to 270 more Region One employees this fiscal year than the national training cadre could have reached. At the regional leadership team (RLT) meeting held May 30, the RLT pre-



sented a "Special Appreciation Award" consisting of a plaque and a check to the Regional training cadre and those who provided support to the course. At the presentation, John Mumma said it was very apparent to him that the quality of our NEPA documents and analysis had improved significantly. Mike King, Washington Office environmental coordinator, and the new Nez Perce Forest Supervisor, said that from his perspective Region One is way out in front of other Regions in NEPA compliance.

Doug Glevanik of the Land and Financial Planning Staff has led the effort for the training in this Region, as well as helped design and instruct the national sessions. Doug reports plans to offer 10-12 more sessions this fall and winter depending on requests. If your Forest or unit is interested in scheduling a session for FY 92, contact Doug Glevanik, LFP, Ext. 3420 soon.

Custer National Forest

A Tribute to the Troops

by Mary Lunsford, Purchasing Agent



Custer employees, as well as visitors, have enjoyed this patriotic display located in the entrance of the supervisor's office in Billings. Ken Gehman did all the artwork for the display, while Ann Vogt and Mary Lunsford helped coordinate the project. All employees were encouraged to bring their personal and/or family members military pictures and mementos for the display. An appropriate unveiling was held on February 22, led by Forest Supervisor Curt Bates, while Sue Heggen, Jim Fishburn, Marge Negus and Mary Lunsford read a poem about the American Flag.

Sensitive Species of the Northern Region

This is the fourth in a series of articles featuring wildlife classified as "Sensitive" by the Northern Region.

The terms "endangered," "threatened," and "sensitive" species conjure up visions of peregrine falcons, bald eagles, and grizzly bears. However, many of the animals having such status are small and inconspicuous, and live in small patches of isolated habitat. Species that are little-studied and are not well known to the general public are often in greater danger than the better-known, charismatic species.

The Coeur d'Alene salamander (*Pllethodon idahoensis*) is a sensitive species found on the Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, Clearwater, and Lolo National Forests. It is typical of many of its fellow sensitive species in its small size and unobtrusive lifestyle. Black with a broad yellow stripe down its back and tail, this five-inch-long salamander lives underground most of its life. Having no lungs, it breathes only through its skin, which must remain moist to perform this function. It emerges from wet areas under rock piles only on nights and rainy days when temperatures are above 45 degrees. Above ground, it is restricted to wet "splash zones" around waterfalls and

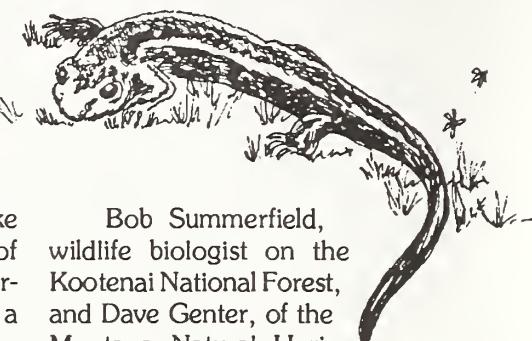
springs, and seeps in rocky cliffs. With such reclusive habits, it's not surprising that the species was not formally identified until 1940.

The Coeur d'Alene salamander, like all species that live in small islands of habitat, is especially vulnerable to disturbance. Unlike animals that can tolerate a wide variety of conditions and which can travel between patches of suitable habitat, each salamander is tied to its wet, rocky home. If the patch of habitat is destroyed, all the salamanders there will die.

In 1988, the largest known population of these salamanders in Montana was threatened when its home cliffs were to be blasted to widen Highway 2 near Kootenai Falls. This conflict between wildlife interests and the need for highway safety might have developed into a prolonged dispute. However, an impasse was avoided when biologists proposed a rather radical solution: they would capture as many salamanders as possible from the threatened cliffs and keep them in captivity until they could be safely returned.

Saving Salamanders

by Pat Dolan, Wildlife Biologist, Lolo National Forest



Bob Summerfield, wildlife biologist on the Kootenai National Forest, and Dave Genter, of the Montana Natural Heritage Program, collected over 550 salamanders in 8 nights in September, 1988. The amphibians were kept under carefully controlled conditions at Washington State University for a year. They were then returned to previously occupied habitat above the blasted zone, in the hope that they will reoccupy the damaged area as its surface water and vegetation recover.

This may seem like a lot of effort to expend in saving one population of salamanders. However, each population makes an important contribution to the genetic variation of the species as a whole. Salamanders may not fit our image of charismatic wildlife, but they do fit into our efforts to conserve biological diversity on national forest lands.

Nez Perce National Forest

New Locations of Salamander Discovered

by Judy York, Public Affairs Assistant

It's slimy, has four legs, crawls on its belly, and breathes through its skin. It's the Coeur d'Alene salamander; the only lungless salamander known to inhabit the northern rocky mountains—and the Nez Perce National Forest. With the help of Idaho's Natural Heritage Program, the Nez Perce Forest has found seven new locations of this rare and secretive salamander.

The first Coeur d'Alene salamander was discovered on the Nez Perce Forest in 1979. Further surveys for the salamander during dry years met with mixed success. Then, in the spring of 1989, biologists found one of the salamanders in a seepage of the Meadow Creek drainage. The discovery prompted interest in a cost-share partnership with Idaho's Natural Heritage Foundation to conduct a more intensive Forestwide survey.

"The cost-shared effort was the result of a new Forest Service emphasis on threatened, endangered, and sensitive species called 'Every Species Counts,'" said Steve Blair, Forest wildlife biologist. "Our efforts to study this unique animal will help ensure that the animal's habitat remains intact in the

future," he added.

Of the seven locations, five of the discoveries were made along the Selway River. The other two were in the Moose Creek and Meadow Creek drainages. Search for the salamander was difficult because dryer conditions of the area force the salamander to retreat under rocks and moist underground sites. Some of the searches were even conducted at night to spot the critter during cooler temperatures.

The salamander is about 2" to 3" long and has a wide green, orange, yellow, or red stripe down its back. A yellow throat patch distinguishes the Coeur d'Alene salamander from the more common long-toed salamander.

The salamander's range includes forested, mountainous regions on either side of the Idaho-Montana border, north to just above the Canadian boundary, and south to the Selway River. The Coeur d'Alene salamander is classified by the Forest Service as a sensitive species and by Idaho Department of Fish and Game as a "species of special concern."



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Our Beginnings -- A History of the National Forests

by Terry West, Forest Service
Historian, Washington Office

Big Game, Wildlife, and Other Conservation Causes

Early forest conservation advocates were fueled by differing personal agendas. For example, one group that indirectly supported the creation of the forest reserves—the Boone and Crockett Club—had as its first priority preservation of big game habitat. When examined historically the legacy of wildlife management in the Forest Service may be said (in part) to begin with the founding of the Boone and Crockett Club in 1887 by Theodore Roosevelt.

The future U.S. President (1901-1909) started this “club of American hunting riflemen” based on his experience in the Badlands of North Dakota. There he had been an explorer and rancher and witnessed the slaughter of wild game as railroads entered remote areas bringing settlers and trophy hunters. After returning to New York to resume his political career, he held a dinner attended by a diverse group of writers, scientists, explorers, and political leaders. What they had in common was outdoor experience in the West and big-game hunting and he used these ties to unite them in the Boone and Crockett Club. The group became an important nucleus of the conservation movement. Aside from Gifford Pinchot, another member of the club was to play an influential role in advising Roosevelt on natural resource issues, George Bird Grinnell.

Mass slaughter of the bison in the western plains in the 1870's had awoken another observer to the plight of America's big game. George Bird Grinnell (1849-1938) traveled West in this period as part of a scientific and exploratory group. Wild animals were being slaughtered in great numbers by market hunters who supplied game to urban restaurants and markets, and by agents for dealers in pelts and feathers. Some game laws existed but enforcement was weak because public concern was minimal.

Only a wealthy few hunted strictly for recreation, usually on the protected lands of their estates. By mid-century these sportsmen began to band together in clubs that were as much wildlife conservation lobbying groups as social ones. One target was to eliminate market hunting for waterfowl on the Chesapeake Bay. This was part of a larger effort to end market hunting altogether, prevent spring shooting of game birds, and spur enforcement of existing game laws.

Lawsuits against New York City restaurant owners helped end the practice of market hunting. In other locations, the crusade took longer. Yellowstone Park, created in 1872, was a refuge for bison and other big game, which attracted poachers and tourist hunters until the army took over its management in 1886. Yet, there was no legal way of bringing vandals and game killers to trial; a situation that led members of the Boone and Crockett Club to rally against the ravages suffered by Yellowstone Park. This protest fit the club's goal of “preservation of the big game of North America.”

Although never large in number (about 100 core members), the club's membership included powerful opinion mold-

This is the sixth in a series of articles describing the early beginnings of our national forests. They are provided by the Chief's Office History Unit for the Forest Service Centennial.

ers such as Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Owner Wister (novelist), General William T. Sherman, and Albert Bierstadt (painter), as well as many who became active in the conservation movement, such as Gifford Pinchot, Madison Grant (founder of Save the Redwoods League), Arnold Hague of the U.S. Geological Survey, C. Hart Merriam (head of the U.S. Biological Survey), and George Bird Grinnell (who was then editor of Forest and Stream magazine). Grinnell used the magazine to publish an exposé of poaching in Yellowstone Park, a cause around which the club had first rallied. Thus it is credited with helping push for the 1894 Yellowstone Park Protection Act—laying the basis for the idea of national parks being wildlife and wilderness sanctuaries. Earlier the group had supported the advocates of the forest reserves in their efforts to promote the 1891 Act. After all, it fit the goal of the club to enlarge the boundary of Yellowstone park with the first reserve, and the reserves provided permanent habitat for wildlife.

Sports Special

Nez Perce National Forest

Keep a Steady Pace

by Jenny Stephenson, Procurement Clerk

It all started when two friends decided to revive an old tradition.....

The Nez Perce National Forest issued a challenge of participation in the 1991 Seaport River Run in Lewiston, Idaho to the Clearwater, Payette, Wallowa-Whitman and Idaho Panhandle National Forests — a challenge to promote "Fun and Fitness in the Sun."

The Nez Perce Forest won the challenge with a total of 49 participants. Kevin Kellogg, 14 year old son of Gary Kellogg, a Nez Perce employee, came in 5th overall in the 2.9 mile race and 2nd for his age group. Darren Kellogg, Gary's 9 year old son, came in 7th for his age group in the same race. Gladys Hall, another Nez Perce employee, won the prize for most enthusiasm by bringing 9 family members with her!

Rick Kusicko, one of 12 people who participated from the Clearwater Forest, finished 4th overall. The 16 participants from the Wallowa-Whitman had a wide variety of methods for traversing the 2.9 and 6 mile race, including roller skating and baby-running cart. Peggy Rollens, a Wallowa-Whitman employee, finished 3rd in the women's 6 mile!

The Nez Perce Forest dedicates their efforts in the 1991 Seaport River Run to the memory of Gordon Gleed, a fellow employee who passed away on April 20, 1991.

Special Recognition

Regional Office

Many Centennial T-shirts were handed out by Regional Forester John Mumma at a staff meeting in May as a special thanks for work well done.



Members of the task force that developed the Trail Creek Supplemental Information Report, addressing biodiversity for the Trail Creek EIS, received kudos for their work. From left: Rodd Richardson, Dick Roullier, Jim Morrison, Bob Naumann, Wendell Hann, and Jim Chew (all of the RO), and Dennis Havig, district ranger, Wisdom District, Beaverhead NF. John Mumma, far right, is handing out Centennial shirts. Team members not pictured are Jim Reid and Martin Prather (both of the RO); Dale Smith, Wise River RD; Jeff Jones, Wisdom RD; and Maria Mantas, Kootenai NF.



Laird Robinson, Centennial coordinator, was recognized for his extra efforts in making Centennial projects successful.



John Mumma shows off the Northern Region Centennial polo shirt as he presents one to wilderness coordinator Liz Close for her work in preparing for the Washington Office Recreation Readiness Review.

Beth Horn, director of public affairs, was thanked for her special effort in assisting the Regional Forester with external meetings and activities.



Photos by Deanna Riebe



Mumma thanks Tim Love (middle), Wayne Williams (left) and Kate Hanson for their work in directing the National Firefighters Memorial Dedication activities. Kate Hanson was not present.

Newsletter Guidelines

The **Northern Region News** is published by the Northern Region Public Affairs Office for employees and retirees. Following are guidelines for submitting stories:

- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.
- Articles must be concise and timely. All articles are subject to editing, and may not be used if outdated, inappropriate, or if space does not permit.
- Photos should be black and white, glossy prints if possible.
- Send articles to D. Riebe: R01A (Data General) or Deanna Riebe, Northern Region Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807. The public affairs officer on your Forest may want to preview articles before they are sent. If so, please follow that process.

Special Recognition

Clearwater National Forest

Byron Bonney, forestry technician in fire management, received a USDA Honor Award for heroic action on June 12. Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan presented the award to Bonney at a ceremony in Washington D.C. The award was in recognition of Bonney's heroic action following an auto accident July 1, 1990, near Orofino.

Bonney and his wife came upon an accident scene and witnessed a burning car with the driver pinned inside. As the fire was progressing into the passenger area, Byron, with assistance from a bystander, opened a jammed door, removed the driver to safety, and administered first aid. Mrs. Bonney also administered first aid to one of the passengers.

Beaverhead National Forest

Ron Stellingwerf, former Sheridan District Ranger, received the Regional Forester's Excellence Award for 1991. Regional Forester John Mumma commended Stellingwerf for his land ethic in implementation of "change on the range." In addition, Stellingwerf was recognized by the American Fisheries Society, Montana Chapter, for his "outstanding contribution to the protection and enhancement of fisheries resources in Montana." Stellingwerf worked at Sheridan District from 1984 until April of this year, when he transferred to a position with the Big Horn National Forest in Wyoming.

Kootenai National Forest

Frank Boyd, forestry technician/law enforcement officer for Libby and Fisher River Districts, was named Outstanding Squadron Commander for the Montana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) in May. Frank was given the award for his 1990

performance in the operation of the Kootenai Composite Squadron, his outstanding cadet (student) program, the unit's safety record, and membership roles. Boyd has been the squadron commander in Libby since 1987 and devotes many hours to the organization.

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Bert Lindler of the Great Falls Tribune was presented with the Regional Forester's Communication Award during a meeting of the Montana Newspaper Association in June. In presenting the award, Deputy Regional Forester Chris Risbrudt termed Lindler "a natural resource reporter who goes the extra step to communicate a story...and provide as many sides of an issue as possible." The award was established to recognize a newspaper reporter for in-depth reporting on natural resource issues.

Helena National Forest



Jack Kendley, silviculturist on Helena District, was selected as Employee of the Month for May. This award is to recognize individuals that make a positive difference in the workplace. Among the many reasons cited for awarding this honor to Jack was his upbeat attitude, ability to reduce stress, involvement with recycling, and support and concern for others.

Lewis and Clark National Forest

Listening For Owls

by Don Sasse, Zone Wildlife Biologist, Kings Hill District

Boreal owls were detected for the first time in the Little Belt Mountains by John Carlson, Montana Heritage Program, and Bob Gliko, Lewis and Clark National Forest, last winter. As part of a Challenge Cost-share project, they spent 19 evenings on snowmachines and cross-country skies and played owl "hooting" tapes in hopes of detecting a boreal owl. They were rewarded by hearing several owl species, including six boreal owls. The knowledge of the boreal owl presence will allow the District to better manage habitat and provide for viable populations of this Northern Region sensitive species.

Forty-one boreal owl nest boxes were constructed in hopes that they will be used by the owls and permit biologists to collect prey remains and gain insight into what the owls eat in the Little Belt Mountains.



John Carlson (left) of Montana Heritage Program, and Bob Gliko, Forest Service, prepare to spend an evening in search of owls.

Personnel Update

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

CLEMANS, BARB, supp serv spec, Wisdom RD, cash award
 GREEN, SCOTT, frstr tech, Madison RD, career cond appt
 KING, RICH, frstr tech, Routt NF, reassign, Sheridan RD
 MALECEK, TOM, frstr, San Bernardino NF, promotion, Wise River RD
 MURRELL, OTIS, comp prog, SO, promotion
 OURADA, CHRIS, supp frstr tech, Sheridan RD, promotion
 OZENBERGER, JAMES, rge conserv, reassign, Wise River RD
 STEWERT, DARRELL, frstr tech, Madison RD, career cond appt

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

BEER, JEFFREY, vocnl instruc, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 BLINN, MIKE, centr bus mgmt asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 BORGES, JOYCE, SCSEP, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 BRADLEY, EVI, clk typ, Stevensville RD, conv to career appt & promotion
 BROWN, GARY, frstr tech, R-6 Umatilla NF, North Fork John Day RD, reassign,
 West Fork RD
 BROWN, SUSAN, cc appt, mail & file clk, SO
 CHRISTENSEN, LYLIA, SCSEP, Stevensville RD, belt buckle award
 CHRISTIANSON, NAN, geol, SO, temp promotion, dist ranger, West Fork RD
 DeBARBER, JOHN, frstr tech, Darby RD, promotion
 DOYLE, ELOISE, rec asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 FELIX, AMY, SCSEP, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 FORD, CHERI, wildl biol, Stevensville RD, reassign, R-10 Tongass-Ketchikan NF,
 Thome Bay RD & belt buckle award
 HAYES, TED, welder hlr, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 JARUSSI, TONY, rec asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 JOHNSON, JANET, rge conserv, Lolo NF, reassign, Stevensville RD, ecologist
 KAHL, JAMES, soc svcs asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 KOWACK, MARK, guidance cnstr, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 LOVEJOY, STUART, frstr, R-5 Plumas NF, La Porte RD, promotion, frstr, Sula RD
 LUSH, CYNTHIA, frstr tech, R-5 Six Rivers NF, Mad River RD, promotion, Darby RD
 MAIS, MARILYN, hydrol aid, SO, promotion & conv to career cond, hydrol tech
 MENK, JEFF, soc serv asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 MEVES, KEN, supv frstr, Sula RD, retirement
 NEYENHUIS, WARREN, soc svcs asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 PAULEY, MILDRED, SCSEP, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 RENNAKER, MILLARD, SCSEP, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 RUSSELL, GLORIA, soc svcs asst, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 SWINDLE, CHINOOK, vocnl trng instruc, Trapper Creek JCC, cash award
 TROTTER, TIM, frstr, Darby RD, cash award
 WAGNER, TOM, frstr, R-4 Toiyabe NF, Carson RD, prom, dist ranger, Darby RD
 WRIGHT, NANCY, soc svcs asst, Trapper Cr JCC, prom, R-5 Inyo NF, Mt. Whitney
 RD, develop recreation mgr

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

BISHOP, DAVE, frstr, North Fork RD, reassign, McKenzie RD, Willamette NF
 BOTT, DONNA, pers mgmt spec, RO, R1, reassign, SO Clearwater NF
 CHASE, TERESA, frstr, Palouse RD, promotion, frstr (adm) Hiawatha NF
 FULLER, KIM, res asst, Pierce RD, cash award
 GAUTHIER, CHRIS, frstr tech, North Fork RD, career cond appt
 KEYES, CONNIE, pers mgmt spec, SO, reassign, SO Gallatin NF
 MARTIN, GLEN, frstr tech, North Fork RD, career cond appt
 MARTIN, LEANNE, stu trainee, (Forestry), SO
 POLANSKI, DONALD, frstr tech, North Fork RD, career cond appt
 REHNBORG, ROBERT, frstr tech, North Fork RD, reassign, Fernan RD, IPNF
 RHODE, THOMAS, frstr, SO, reassign, OP res anal, RO
 SCHRAMM, JEFF, frstr tech, R4, career cond appt, North Fork RD
 STANDFORD, SHIRLEY, SSS, Powell RD, reassign, Townsend RD, Lolo NF
 STEENBERG, PAUL, frstr, SO, promotion, OP res anal, Modoc NF
 SUTTON, JEFFREY, frstr tech, North Fork RD, career cond appt
 WELLNER, KENT, frstr, Palouse RD, cash award

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

AUGARE, JUDY, frstr tech, Sioux RD, promotion
 AUGHTMAN, MARK, svry tech, EZE, cc appt
 BISHOP, NORMAN, frstr tech, Medora RD, reassign
 BUSH, RONALD, frstr, Medora RD, award
 ENDERUD, CHERYL, frstr tech, McKenzie RD, promotion
 FISHER, JEAN, resour asst, SO, retirement
 GRINDE, PETER, supv rge con, Medora RD, promotion
 JONES, TERRILL, rge conserv, Beartooth RD, reassign
 LACKNER, JOHNNY, const rep, EZE, Medora RD, award
 MCCARTHY, CLINTON, wildl biol, SO, reassign
 MC GUIRE, DONALD, civ eng, EZE, Medora RD, award
 RATLIFF, KEN, supv civ eng, SO, reassign
 RIZOR, RAYMOND, frstr tech, Ashland RD, promotion
 SMENTANKA, WAYNE, frstr, SO, retirement
 SUNDSTROM, CHARLES, spec proj coord, SO, reassign
 URICH, MELANIE, rers asst, SO, promotion
 WALKER, MARGARET, rge con, SO, promotion
 WEISHOFF, SUZANNE, mail & file clk, SO, reinstatement

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

BACHURSKI, VIKKI, biol tech, Tally Lake RD, promotion
 BIGELOW, BROOKE, student trainee, Swan Lake RD, Fd Jr Fellowship appt
 BURKHART, MARC, lnd survy, SO, reassign
 CHRISTIANSEN, AL, frstry tech, Swan Lake RD, retired
 CRANE, WILLIAM, frstry tech, Hungry Horse RD, car seasonal
 DONNER, BRYAN, frstr, Glacier View, reassign
 HODDER-KOSS, BETH, frstry tech, Glacier View RD, promotion
 INGEBRETSON, JOHN, frstry tech, Swan Lake RD, promotion
 JACOBS, AMY, biol tech (wldl), Tally Lake RD, career cond appt
 JENSEN, JACQUELINE, contract offcr, SO, promotion
 JONES, DENNIS, info recep, SO, promotion
 KNUPP, TERRY, assst dist mgr, Hungry Horse RD, reassign
 KRELELAK, JOE, elec tech, SO, resign
 KRUEGER, RON, survy tech, SO, promotion
 LASKO, RICH, F&A staff offcr, Superior NF, reassign
 LUHMAN, DALE, survy interdisc, Spotted Bear RD, promotion
 MARTIN, LUCINDA, pers mgmt speclst, SO, promotion
 MATTER, NANCY, clk-typ, SO, reinstate
 McTEE, BRUCE, survy frstry tech, Glacier View RD, promotion
 MILLER, KENT, biol tech (wldl), Tally Lake RD, cc appt
 MINTA, KATHY, edit asst, Tally Lake RD, cc appt
 MORGAN, DEVVI, bdgt & acct analyst, SO, promotion
 NEAL, ELIZABETH, Indscrp archt, SO, reassign
 O'NEILL, JULIA, pers offcr, SO, reassign
 PAIGE, CHRISTINE, biol tech (wldl), Tally Lake RD, cc appt
 PING, BARB, frstr tech, Tally Lake RD, promotion
 PIRKER, DAVE, bdgt & acct, SO, retired
 SMILEY, DAN, survy civ engr, SO, promotion
 SMITH, LINDA, lnd survy, SO, promotion
 STANLEY, GAIL, comp asst, Glacier View RD, reassign
 SULLIVAN, GAIL, resour clk, Glacier View RD, reassign

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

HARCHARIK, DALE, appraiser, SO cash award
 KEYES, CONNIE, pers mgmt spec, Clearwater NF, reassign, SO
 KRUEGER, FAYE, frstr, Big Timber RD, cash award
 MICHAEL, THELMA, convncc exam, S, cash award
 NELSON, KAREN, supp serv spec, Livingston RD, cash award
 ORR, SALLY, resour asst, Big Timber RD, cash award
 PARRENT, SANDY, business mgmt clk, Big Timber RD, cash award
 PITTMAN, MAGGIE, pub affairs spc, Livingston RD, reassign, Helena NF
 SCHOFIELD, GORDON, lands frstr, SO, cash award
 SPEARSON, CAROL, pers offcr, SO, reassignment, Helena NF
 STOWELL, LINDA, info recep, Bozeman RD, career cond appt
 UELAND, JON, frstr tech, IAFCC, promotion
 WITT, JEANNE, business mgmt clk, Bozeman RD, reinstatement

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

BURLAND, KENNETH, frstry tech, BIA, promotion, Helena NF
 CAMPBELL, DARCEY, lead OA asst, SO, promotion
 DALBEC, FRED, civ eng, SO, award
 GUEST, JIM, frstr, R6, reassign, frstr, SO
 LARSEN, DAVE, frstry tech, FMO, Townsend Rd, promotion
 LOUSEN, BOB, pers off, SO, reassign, Gallatin/Beaverhead
 MCKENNA, CHARLIE, civ eng, R6, reassign, SO
 MUCCI, DEBBIE, civ eng tech, SO, reassign, Lolo NF
 OLIVER, MIKE, pub affairs spc, Bitterroot NF, reassign, SO
 PITTMAN, MAGGIE, pub affairs spc, Gallatin NF, reassign, SO
 SPEARSON, CAROL, pers officer, Gallatin/Beaverhead, reassign, SO
 STANFORD, SHIRLEY, SSS, Clearwater NF, reassign, Townsend RD
 VARHUS, MARK, survy civ eng, SO, award

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

ASLESON, DAVID, cash award, Sandpoint RD
 BADEN, PATRICIA, cont spec, reassign, adm off, St. Maries RD
 BAKER, BETTIE, SCSEP, SO
 BAZZLE, ROBIN, worker trainee, frstry aid, promotion, Wallace RD
 BEGA, JOANN, SCSEP, SO
 BECK, JERI, worker trainee, frstry aid, promotion, Wallace RD
 BEYER, MARLIS, cash award, Cd'A Nursery
 BRIGGS, BRENT, conv to career cond appt, frstry tech, St. Maries RD
 BRIGHT, DONALD, frstry adm, promotion, Fernan RD
 BROMLEY, WENDY, stu trainee (frstry), Avery RD
 BURNS, CATHERINE, reassign, frstr tech, Fernan RD
 CONNER, CHARLOTTE, reassign, clk/typ, Sandpoint RD
 DAVIS, LINDA, reassign, lead frstr tech, Fernan RD
 DEITER, DALE, frstr, promotion, Bonners Ferry RD
 DEVORE, RISA, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD
 DOCHERTY, RACHEL, promotion, frster tech, Bonners Ferry RD
 DORRIS, SPIRIT, termination, SO
 FLOOD, STEPHEN, hydrol tech, promotion, Avery RD

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FOSTER, DEBORAH, clk typ, promotion, acct tech, Avery RD
 FROGNESS, DARREL, cash award, SO
 GEDDON, JEFFREY, lead civ eng tech, conv to career cond appt, Priest Lake RD
 GILBERT, BRADLEY, cash award, SO
 GRANT, MARK, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD
 HAMILTON, MARY ANN, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD
 HARDEN, BETTY, comp prog anal, reassign, SO
 HINTHORN, HEATHER, promotion, frstr tech, Bonners Ferry RD
 HULSIZER, VICKI, clk wkr trng, promotion, clk typ-wkr trng, Wallace RD
 JACKSON, PATRICIA, res clk/typ, conv to cc appt, Priest Lake RD
 JACOBSON, CHRISTOPHER, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD
 KLOOTWYK, NANCY, stu trainee (civ eng), Sand Point RD
 LAVENDER, CLAIRE, frstr adm, promotion and cash award, Sandpoint RD
 LEVERICK, MICHAEL, cash award, Wallace RD
 LOGSDON, JAMES, cash award, Wallace RD
 LOWMAN, PHILLIP, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD
 MANRIQUEZ, ARNOLD, resign, Avery RD
 MANRIQUEZ, DONNA, resign, Avery RD
 MANS, JIM, land survy, promotion, eng, SO
 MC GOVERN, TERRANCE, cash award, Avery RD
 MCQUADE, GLORIA, frstr aid, promotion, frstr tech, Avery RD
 MERRITT, MARIDEL, cash award, Sandpoint RD
 METZGER, SUSANNE, frstr, resign, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
 MOTTERN, BERTALEE, promotion, emp rel asst, SO
 MUELLER, CHARLENE, promotion, resour clk/typ, SO
 MYERS, GERALD, retirement, Sandpoint RD
 NEIRINCKX, JOHN, reassign, supr civ eng, SO
 NIPP, HENRY, cash award, Wallace RD
 OSCARSON, INEZ, promotin, purch agnt, Priest Lake RD
 OTTOWAY, CHRISTINE, resignation, SO
 RAPP, HERMAN, cash award, Wallace RD
 ROWLAND, CARL, SCSEP, Feman RD
 RUEBKE, JOHN, frstr tech, conv to cc appt, Feman RD
 SAPPINGTON, DON, SCSEP, Feman RD
 SCOTT, RONALD, lead frstr tech, reassign, Feman RD
 SCOTT-McMAHON, LANI, frstr tech, resign, CDA Nursery.
 SHANAHAN, KELLY, promotion, stu trainee (hydrol), Bonners Ferry RD
 STEVENS, MICHAEL, cash award, Bonners Ferry RD
 STEVENSON, MICHAEL, lead frstr tech, reassign, Bonners Ferry RD
 STOCK, CHARLES, cash award, Wallace RD
 SYTH, GARY, survy tech, reassign, SO
 THORSON, DAVID, resignation, Sandpoint RD
 VOIGHT, BARBARA, reinstate, career appt, acct tech, SO
 WASHBURN, WARREN, ecx appt, SCSEP, Bonners Ferry RD
 WILLIAMS, STEVEN svpry frstr, promotion, frstr adm, Wallace RD

Retirements

H.C. Labrier, Trapper Creek Job Corps director for the past 18 years, retired June 28 after 33 years of government service. Labrier began his Forest Service career in 1956 on the Fisher River District, Kootenai NF. He served as program officer at Cedar Flats Job Corps Center, Nez Perce NF, and district ranger on the Colville NF, before coming to Trapper Creek in 1972. Under Labrier's leadership Trapper Creek Job Corps Center gained repeated recognition nationally.

Melvin Blubaugh, civil engineering technician for west zone engineering, Kootenai NF, retired in May after 27 years with the Forest Service. Blubaugh spent his entire career on the Kootenai, beginning as a seasonal in 1963. He worked at Sylvanite District until he was reassigned to engineering on the west zone.

In Memoriam

Percy Williamson, former employee of the Bitterroot NF for 14 years, died June 5 at the age of 86.

Alice Rhoads Page, Regional Office employee from 1934 until her retirement in 1964, died April 12 at age 81. She began her career as a stenographer and was business management assistant for Aviation & Fire Management at retirement.

WOODS, JACKIE, staff asst, reassign and cash award, pers asst, SO
 WYNNSMA, BARRY, cash award, Bonners Ferry Rd
 YOUNG, STEPHEN, eng equip oper, conv to career cond appt, Priest Lake RD

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSON, KAREN, frstr, Three Rivers RD, promotion
 BETLACH, STEVE, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, promotion
 BLUBAUGH, MELVIN, civ eng tech, W Zone Engrg, retirement
 BOYSUN, DOROTHY, res clk, SO, AS, promotion
 BROWN, LONI, civ eng, E Zone Engrg, temp prom, Zone Engr, W Zone Engrg
 DEXTER HOMMEL, CONNIE, frstry tech, R5, Eldorado NF, reassign, Three Riv RD
 ELMORE, GARY, frstry tech, RFS, promotion
 ERWIN, DAVE, Zone Engr, E Zone Engrg, Promotion, Hwy Engr, R3, RO
 EVANS, BETSY, frstry tech (silv), Fortine RD, QSI
 FROBERG, LARRY, frstr (adm), dist rangr, Fisher River RD, promotion
 GROB, LAVERNA, res tech, Fortine RD, resignation
 HOLDER, BETTY, frstry tech, Rexford RD, promotion, R5, Plumas NF
 JOHNSON, LYNN, wildl biol, Fortine RD, promotion
 KERN, KEN, cet, R6, Malheur NF, chg lower grade, survey tech, SO, ES
 KONZEN, CAMI, stu trainee (pers), SO, AS, promotion
 KROEGER, LEWAYNE, mtrls engrg tech, SO, ES, reassign, civ eng tech, W Zone Eng
 LEIMBACH, PAUL, frstr, PS, promotion
 LIEN, KIMBERLEE, comprt asst, SO, AS, reassign, bus mgmt clk, Fisher River RD
 MCCLOSKEY-BAUER, NORA, prog asst, SO, LMRC, promotion
 MERSHON, JIM, frstr (adm), dist rangr, Cabinet RD, promotion
 NESBITT, DAVID, frstry tech, Fortine RD, promotion, frstr
 NEWTON, ANGELA, comp clk, Fortine RD, promotion, comp asst
 PAULEY, GEORGE, appt, wildl biol, Fisher River RD
 PEARCE, EARL, frstry tech, R6, Mt. Hood NF, promo, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD
 PEDERSON, DARCY, frstr (adm), dist rangr, Libby RD, promotion
 SPANG, WADE, frstr, Fortine RD, promotion, R8, NF in Texas
 STANTUS, PAUL, Zone Engr, W Zone Engrg, reassignment, E Zone
 STUMP, KEN, frstry tech, Libby RD, promotion, frstry tech (FMO), Cabinet RD
 TINCER, JANNIE, clk typ, Fortine RD, reassign, time and leave clk

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

BERGSTROM, ROGER J., frstr tech, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
 BROWN, DOUG, frstr tech, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
 BROWN, DOUG, frstr tech, Rocky Mtn RD, reassign, frstr tech, Randall RD, Gifford Pinchot NF
 BROWN, TERRI, dist clerk, Rocky Mtn RD, reassign, clk/typ, Randall RD, Gifford Pinchot NF
 BURGER, GUADALUPE, stu trainee (Rng Cons), Rocky Mtn RD, promotion
 DECKER, MONTANA, stu trainee (Comp Sci), SO, prom and conv cc appt, comp prog, SO
 ELLINGTON, WAYNE, frstry tech, Kings Hill RD, reassign, for tech, AFD, RO
 FEARS, DALE, accountant, SO, promotion
 FITZPATRICK, BUTCH, frstr, SO, cash award
 FITZPATRICK, BUTCH, frstr, SO, prom, dist ranger, Oerglund RD, Ottawa NF, R-9
 GARDNER, ROBERT, frstry tech, Kings Hill RD, cc appt
 GREER, ANDREA, pers clk, SO, promotion, pers asst, SO
 GREER, ANDREA, pers asst, SO, Transfer Out to U.S. Customs Service
 HANCOCK, VALDON, hydrol, SO, reassign, hydrol, SO, Humboldt NF
 LAJOIE, EVERETT, contracting off, SO, promotion, contracting off, RO, R-3
 MACDONALD, LEAH, SCSEP Enrollee, SO, conv to career cond appt, Info recept
 MANNING, CYNTHIA, archaeologist, SO, reassign, NEPA Specialist, RO
 MARCERON, TERESA, frstr, SO, reassign, asst District Rgr, Rocky Mountain RD
 MARTIN, STEVEN, frstr, Rexford RD, Kootenai NF, promotion, frstr, Musselshell RD
 NELSON, CHARLENE, editorial asst, SO, cash award
 OTTENHEIMER, JANE, purch agnt, SO, promotion
 PARKER, KARRI, supp serv superv, Judith RD, resignation
 PETTIT, ROSE, supp serv superv, Kings Hill RD, transfer, U.S. Customs
 RASH, ELDON, rge tech, Musselshell RD, temp prom, rge con, Musselshell RD
 SCHAEFFER, DALE, civ eng, SO, promotion
 TAYLOR, JUDITH, clk/typ, Judith RD, temp promotion
 THURSTON, GAIL, frstry tech, SO, promotion
 TIMCHAK, LARRY, frstr, Lolo NF, promotion, dist ranger, Judith RD
 WIDDICOMBE, MIKE, frstry tech, Musselshell RD, promotion

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

ABBOT, ROBERT, frstr adm, Salmon RD, promotion
 BECK, BARBARA, frstr adm, Helena NF, reassign, Clearwater RD
 DREADFULWATER, JOHN, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, career cond appt
 HAYS, GARY, frster tech, Salmon River RD, career cond appt
 JOHNSON, WENDY, info clk, Red River RD, career cond appt
 MELL, JEFFERY, frster, Selway RD, promotion, Pike & Sane Isabel NF
 MILLER, WARREN, frstr tech, Moose Creek RD, promotion
 POLLWORTH, MANSUETA, info asst, Moose Creek RD, SO, promotion
 Ruzicka, Theresa, time & leave clk, Salmon River RD, transfer, VA
 WAROFKA, JOHN, lead frstr tech, Selway RD, conv to career cond appt
 WERLINE, EVA, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, promotion
 WIEBUSH, JAMES, frstr tech, Elk City RD, promotion

Smokey's Friends Learn Fire Safety Rules

by Nancy Porter, Community Fire Prevention Specialist, Missoula and Ninemile Ranger Districts

Smokey Bear's first grade match fire safety program was successfully implemented in Missoula County and surrounding areas this spring. The prevention program is aimed at reaching all first graders each year. It was a team effort involving the Lolo National Forest, the Department of State Lands, City and Rural Fire Districts, and volunteers. This year was the pilot program. We went to 40 classes and talked to over 850 students in a week's time.

The teaching teams used small group discussions, slides and a special appearance of Smokey Bear to get their prevention message to the students. The students were quick to pick up on Smokey's five match



Jon Agner, fire prevention technician at Missoula Ranger District talks fire prevention to a group of students.

safety rules. The children learn that fire is not a toy. They learn what they should do if they find matches at home or school and what to do if they see a younger child playing with matches. They learn what they should do if they see a fire burning out of control.

The teachers and students dubbed the program a great success. This match fire safety program benefits fire prevention efforts with a reduction in the number of fires resulting from children playing with

matches. The future of fire prevention will be brighter with generations of students growing up with Smokey Bear as a friend and looking at fire as tool not a toy.

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